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n Re Application Of:

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EXPRESSION OF A HUMAN INSULIN PRECURSOR IN P.

PASTORIS



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on February 25, 2004, Applicant elects Group I claims, Claims 1-5 and 24, drawn to a methylotrophic recombinant yeast strain capable of producing a human insulin precursor, and a method of making the yeast strain. This election is being made without traverse.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Date: March 22, 2004

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